

What is claimed is:

1. In a computer system having a graphic user interface for displaying a plurality of objects on a desktop, a
5 method for controlling the displaying of new objects on the desktop comprising the steps of:

- detecting a user request for displaying a new object on the desktop;
- responsive to user selection, determining a target
10 area on the desktop;
- displaying the new object within the target area.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the target area is rectangular and the user selection includes:

- selecting a first corner of the target area;
- selecting the corner opposite to the first corner.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the user selection includes moving a pointer on the desktop by means of a
20 pointing device.

4. A computer program including program code means adapted to perform the steps of claim 1 when the program is run on a computer.

5. A window oriented operating system including program code means for performing the method of claim 1.

6. A graphical user interface comprising:

- means for detecting a user request for displaying a new object on the desktop;

- means for, responsive to user selection, determining a target area on the desktop;

5 - means for displaying the new object within the
target area.